have poetry
& eat it too

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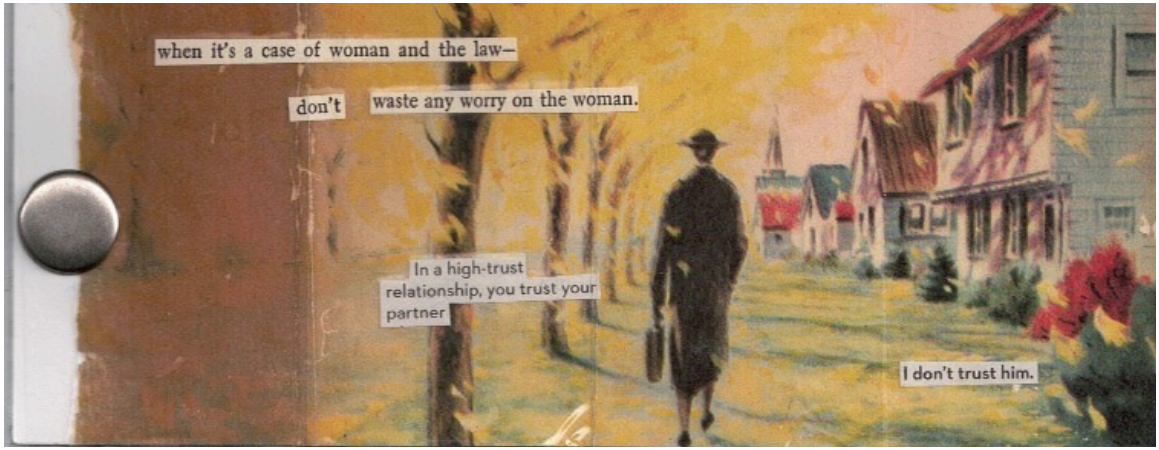
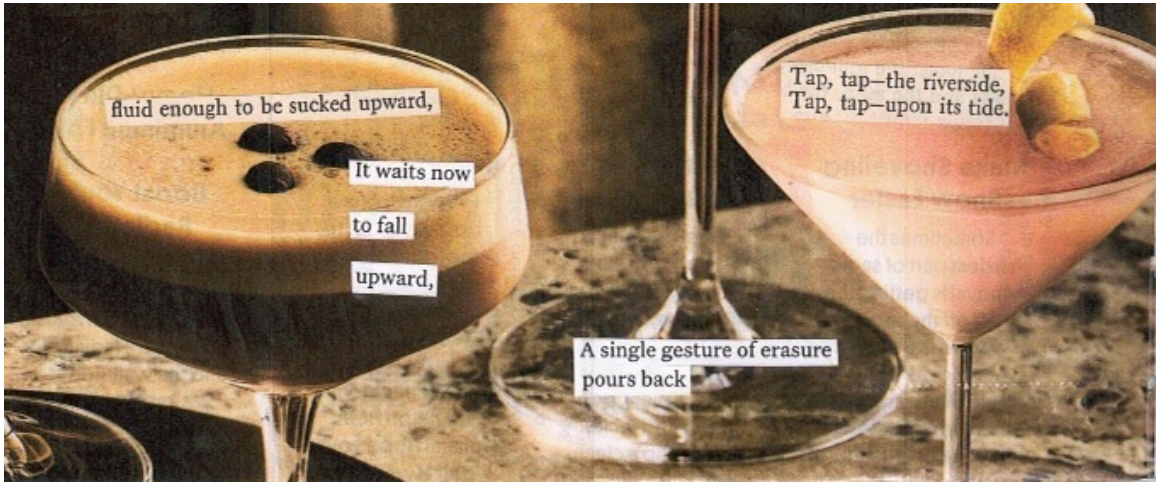
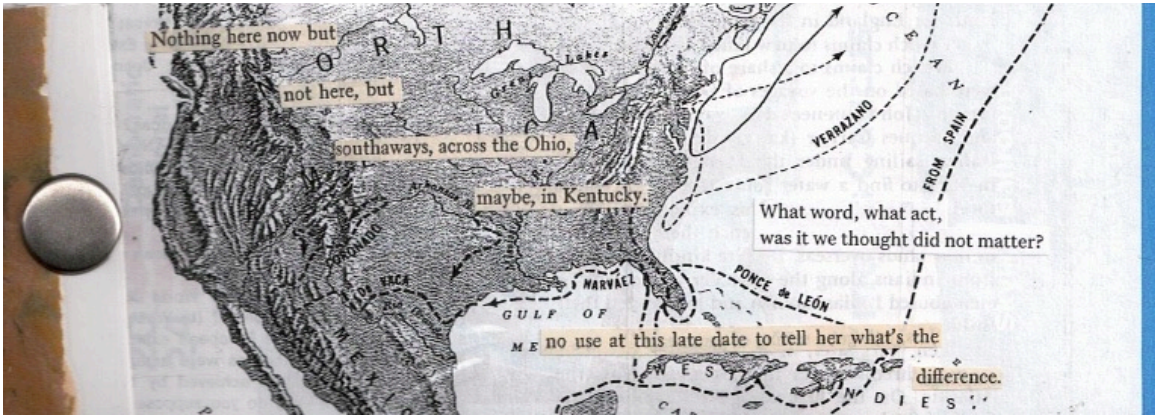
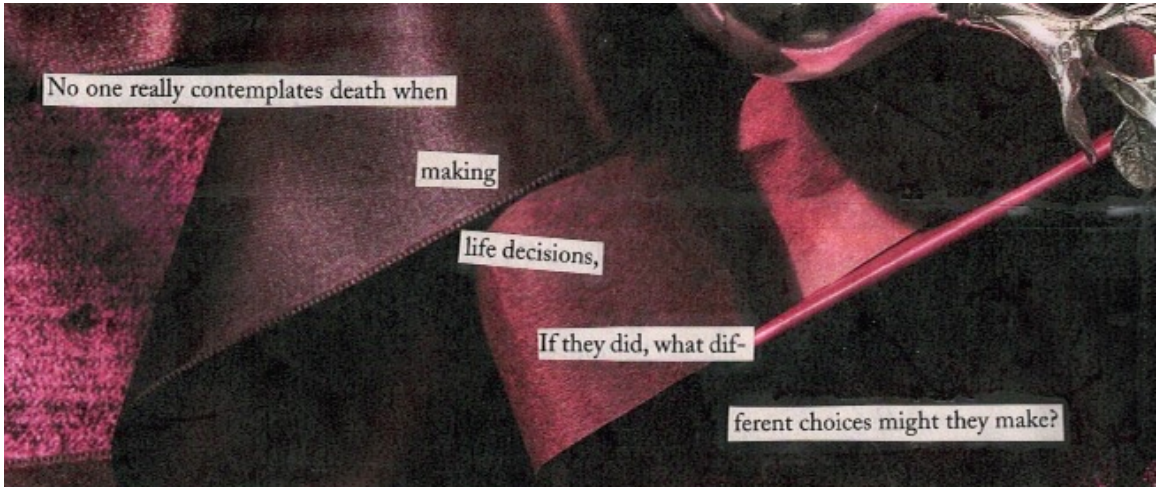

when it's a case of woman and the law—
don't
waste any worry on the woman.
In a high-trust relationship, you trust your partner
I don't trust him.

"Spring opening up,"
"and nobody
so much as
putting down
a line of poetry."
he
wants to have
poctry and eat it too
like all men.

What wine goes with apocalypse?
Sometimes
it's far from an exact formula.
WHERE IS GOD?
No need for a Schindler, MLK in Heaven. No need for a Soldier in Heaven. No need for a Hero in Heaven. No need for an Einstein in Heaven. No need for those who fight hate, discrimination, poverty in Heaven. No need for a Plato, Socrates in Heaven. No need for a Doctor, Nurse in Heaven. No need for


fluid enough to be sucked upward,
It waits now
to fall
upward,
A single gesture of erasure
pours back
Tap, tap—the riverside,
Tap, tap—upon its tide.


Nothing here now but
not here, but
southaways, across the Ohio,
maybe, in Kentucky.
What word, what act,
was it we thought did not matter?
no use at this late date to tell her what's the
difference.
VERRAZANO
FROM SPAIN
PONCE de LEÓN
NARVAEZ
CORONADO
DE VACA
GULF OF
MEXICO
Lakes
St. Lawrence


No one really contemplates death when
making
life decisions,
If they did, what dif-
ferent choices might they make?